1-1 Huffman S.B. No. 155 By: (In the Senate - Filed November 8, 2010; January 31, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; March 2, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 2, 2011, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT relating to the eligibility of certain school district employees to 1-8 1-9 participate or be enrolled in certain group health benefit 1-10 1-11 programs. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (k), Section 22.004, Education Code, 1-13 is amended to read as follows: 1-14 (k) Notwithstanding any other law, an employee of a district 1**-**15 1**-**16 participating in the uniform group coverage program under Subsection (a) or providing group health coverage under Subsection 1-17 (b) whose resignation is effective after the last day of an instructional year is entitled to participate or be enrolled in the 1-18 1-19 uniform group coverage plan or the group health coverage through the <u>earlier of:</u>
(1) the first anniversary of the date participation in or coverage under the uniform group coverage plan or the group 1-20 1-21 1-22 health coverage was first made available to district employees for 1-23 1-24 the last instructional year in which the employee was employed by 1**-**25 1**-**26 the district; or (2)the last calendar day before the first day of the instructional year immediately following the last instructional 1-27 1-28 year in which the employee was employed by the district. SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011. 1-29 1-30 1-31

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